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[REDACTED] We were informed by Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, that Chairman Hebert agreed with the suggestion of Chairman Nedzi, of the Intelligence Subcommittee, that it would be a good idea to have the Director appear in open session regarding classification and security of Government documents. After consulting with the Director I explained to Slatinshek the very serious problems such a suggestion created. Slatinshek said he appreciated these problems, but argued that Nedzi and Hebert felt under very heavy pressure from Committee members and others to conduct open hearings on the subject, and believed the Director uniquely qualified to appear. Slatinshek said that if this pressure was not turned aside by the kind of "controlled" hearing they proposed it might break out in uncontrolled form elsewhere and cause serious problems for us all. We ended up agreeing that an early personal meeting between the Director and the Chairman would be desirable.

After checking with the Director I called Chairman Nedzi and made a date for the Director to meet with the Chairman at 10:30 on Friday morning, 21 January, in room 2418 Rayburn Building.

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1. Met with Miss Bernice Kalinowski, House Armed Services Committee staff, and delivered to her a world map for Committee use. I also gave her a copy of the November 1971 China Atlas and a short bibliography of background publications on security classification.

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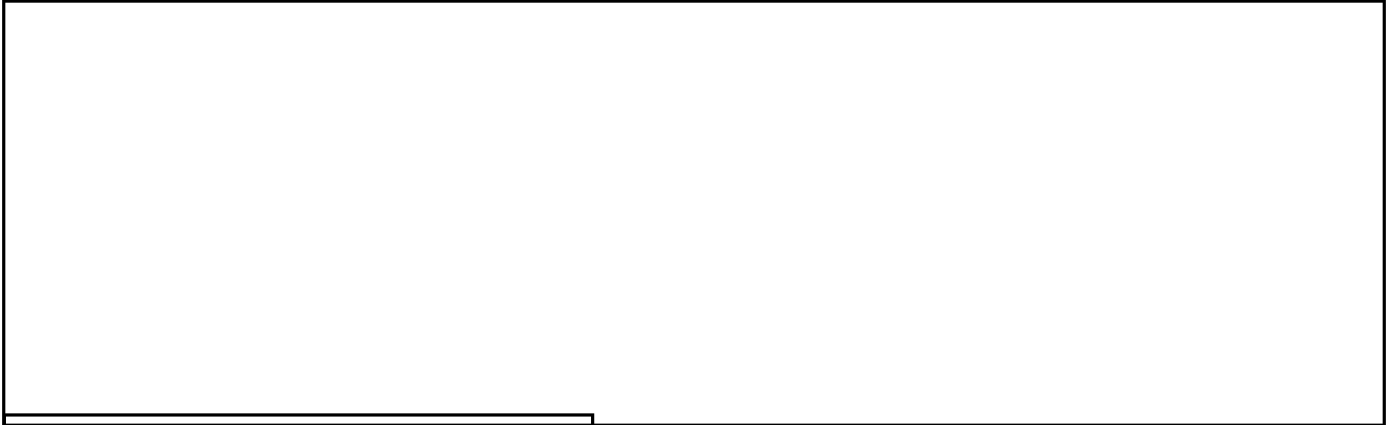
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Addendum



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[Redacted] Received a call from Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he had talked to Chairman Hebert this morning and briefed him on Mr. Maury's meeting with him and Representative Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) yesterday afternoon. Mr. Slatinshek told me that Chairman Hebert "also feels that this will be a good opportunity for the Director to appear in open session and speak to this problem since the Committee will be dealing only with the administrative problems in the security classification and not the substantive information itself." I thanked Mr. Slatinshek for the call.

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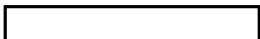
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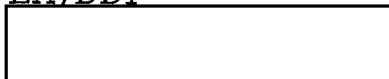


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25X1 3. [] Met with Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, and Assistant Chief Counsel Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed, in response to the Chairman's request, on the recent coup in Ghana, explaining why the Agency could not have been expected to learn of it sufficiently in advance to warn the White House prior to Mrs. Nixon's visit. This led to a lengthy discussion of the problems of predicting coups in various areas particularly in a number of unstable countries in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Mr. Nedzi inquired about the "Rehnquist report" and I explained that a draft was now being circulated by the White House for comment by Executive agencies, and we hoped it would be out by the end of the month.

Mr. Nedzi said he would like to have an early session of his Subcommittee for a general intelligence briefing and a discussion of the reorganization of the intelligence community. On the latter point, Slatinshek noted that the White House documents on the subject assigning to the DDCI major responsibility for the Agency's plans, programs and day-to-day operations were counter to the statements made by the Director and me that the Director would remain in full control of the Agency despite his new responsibilities in community matters. I responded that it was too soon to say exactly what functions the Director might delegate to his Deputy, but I thought there was no doubt he would remain in charge of CIA in all major respects.

Mr. Nedzi said he would also like to have his Subcommittee hear the Director on the matter of the security and classification of Government documents, preferably in open session. I said such a request would create very serious problems for us. Messrs. Nedzi and Slatinshek argued that many aspects of this problem, and also the reorganization of the community, might be discussed in open session and such discussion could do much to ease public and political concern about these two important matters. I urged that before any formal proposals were made along these lines the Chairman discuss the matter personally with the Director, and suggested an early meeting for this purpose to which the Chairman agreed.

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